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(From Monday evening, April 19th., until Tuesday Night, April 27th.)

Sale of Chometz until Monday, April 19th, 10.00 a.m. at the Rabbi office in the Talmud Torah (4-7086) or at his home, 353 Stewart St.

Shabbos Hogodol Drasah by the Rabbi, Cong. Agudath Achim, Saturday, April 17th, 5.00 p.m.

Bdikath Chometz (search for Chometz) Sunday night, April 18th.

Siyum B'chorim (for first-born males) Monday, April 19th., 7.30 a.m. The Rabbi will conclude the tractate Erchin at Cong. Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Ave.

Conclude eating Chometz by Monday, April 19th, 9.15 a.m.

Biur Chometz (burning of Chometz) Monday, April 19th, until 10.15 a.m.

Candles. See schedule.

Services. See schedule of Synagogues.

Yizkor (Memorial Services) at all Ottawa synagogues, Tuesday, April 27th, about 10 a.m.

CONG. AGUDATH ACHIM, RIDEAU STREET.

Passover Schedule

Erev Pesach, Monday April 19th, 7.30 a.m. the Shachrith services will be followed by the Siyum for B'chorim. Minchah will be at 7.30 p.m., followed immediately by Maariv.

Services on the first and last two days of Pesach begin 8.30 a.m. Yizkor (the Memorial Service) will be recited Tuesday, April 27th, about 10.30 a.m.

Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will occupy the pulpit on Shabbos Hagodol, April 17th, at 5.00 p.m., when he will deliver the traditional Drashah, and on the second day of Yom Tov, 10.30 a.m., when he will preach on the topic, "The Measure of Happiness".

As guest preacher, Rabbi B. Kravetz will address the congregation on the morning of the seventh day, April 26th.

Our cantor, Rev. Aaron Weiss, will officiate throughout the holiday services.

Cong Agudas Israel, Fairmont Ave.

Services will be held in our synagogue the first and last two days of the festival at 9.00 a.m. Yizkor is read Tuesday, April 27th. Mr. S. Shapiro will officiate as cantor.

CONG. MACHZIKEI HADATH MURRAY ST.

The services for Pesach begin 8.30 a.m. on the first two and last two days. Rev. A. Baker will officiate at the Amud.

On the morning of Shabbos Hagodol Rabbi Fasman will deliver a sermon, and he will also occupy the pulpit on the seventh day of the holiday, April 26th, speaking on the topic, "Judaism—A Theory or a Practice?"

CONG. BNAI JACOB, JAMES ST.

Rev. S. Schreiber will conduct our Hebrew services during Pesach. Shachrith commences 9.00 a.m.

We are highly pleased to annnounce that our spiritual leader, Rabbi Fasman, will be with us the last day of Yom Tov. He will speak before Yizkor on the subject, "Worthy of Remembrance."

Blood Donation a Mitzvah.

The highest Mitzvah of Jewish law is to save a life. The opportunity to perform this Mitzvah is open to you at the Blood Donor Clinic, 237 Metcalfe.

Do Your Part!

The Victory Loan is your chance to hasten the coming of peace, to bring our boys home sooner. Subscribe to the maximum of your ability! Do your part!

Congregation Adath Jeshurun

Passover Bulletin

Monday, Nisan 14th, 5703, April 19th, 1943.

Special Services for "First Born Male", 7.30 a.m.

SERVICES

Passover Eve, Monday, April 19th, 1943.

Mincha, 7.30 p.m. Maariv., 7.45 p.m.

Passover I and II, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, April 20-21 at 8.30 a.m.

On Passover I (Tuesday) Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman will preach on the topic:

"Freedom for Israel"

The sermon will begin about 10.30 a.m.

Sabbath Chol Hamoed Pesach, April 24th.

Services at 9.00 a.m.

Sermon by the Rabbi: ,'The Vitamins of Judaism".

SECOND DAYS PASSOVER

Sunday 20th Nisan, 5703, April 25th, 1943, Mincha 7.45, Maariv 8.00 p.m.

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Passover VII and VIII, Monday and Tuesday morning, April 26-27.

Services at 8.30 a.m.

Yizkor (Memorial Services) Tuesday morning, April 27th, about 10.30 a.m.

Rabbi B. Kravetz will preach bafore Yizkor.

Cantor J. Rabin will officiate at the principal services. We cordially invite our members, their wives and families to attend the holday services. To all of them, and to Klal Yisroel, we wish a happy, joyous Passover.

Overseas Honor Roll

In recent weeks the following Ottawa men on active service have arrived overseas:

Cohen, LAS. Alex., Ginsburg, LAC. Mervin. Nova, AC2 Sydney.

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Wartime Prices and Trade Board Exemption Certificate No. 66, dated Feb. 9, 1943.

THERE WILL BE LESS

This year for Passover there will be less honey, less nuts, less kosher fats, less candies, less matzoth. In many homes, due to the new taxes that now come into effect, there will be less on the pay cheque. There will be less variety in the clothing shops, less chance to find a new apartment, less gasoline, less electric refrigerators, and less telephones.

Much deeper goes the thought that this year there will be less Ottawa boys at home to enjoy the Seder with their families.

But this year there will be more of intelligent thinking about the concept of freedom. There will be more devotion to the ideals of democracy. There will be more earnestness about the work men have to perform in this world.

There will be a more vivid understanding of the great human tragedy the author of the Hagadah calls bondage. There will be more determination to guard and to carry forward the principles of liberty for which millions of brave men and women are making every sacrifice. There will be more attention given to the institutions, national and international, by which the peoples of the world can insure happiness unto themselves.

There will be less. There will be more. May God grant us the courage and the wisdom to take from that of which we shall have more the materials to drive out the forces that have been responsible for our having less. Then would Passover truly take on the significance that rightfully belongs to it; namely, to introduce into mankind so thorough a love of freedom that to challenge it would be a self-imposed sentence of banishment from the society of people.

The Awakening of Religious Conciousness

The press has frequently indicated that a sharp increase in religious interests is noticeable in the world today. From the libraries we receive reports that show a greater circulation of religious books; from the cinema we learn of a proposed cycle of religious themes; from the military camps we hear of many who had drifted far from their respective creeds returning not by way of mechanical routine, but of a healthy quest for spiritual values.

In the Jewish scene, although we cannot claim that the daily attendance at the synagogue has grown larger, we are also noticing a more reverent attitude. Young people who once did not even pay us the compliment of asking about the different aspects of the ritual, let alone failing to observe them, can today be discovered in circles where they constitute the subject of informal conversation, perhaps even serious discussion. The day may seem distant, yet it might come swiftly, when those who display utter indifference towards Judaism will be the old fashioned, out-of-date members of their community. Invariably the crises that compel men to a more earnest philosophy of life stir up a spirit of inquiry and analysis that flows in the direction of religious truths, and nobody can deny that ours is a period of grave crises.

If human nature may be trusted to seek similar channels to those through which it has coursed in the past, the representatives of Jewish religious doctrine must be prepared to defend the ceremonial forms of our faith against a long series of objections. When individuals return to an ideal they had previously surrendered, we must expect that they will readily seize upon major principles and have a heaping measure of disregard for the details. It will, therefore, require unusual persuasive power to make those who come back appreciate the importance of stitching together carefully the cloth that was cut out in broad outline. Much will have to be said about the dangers of watching the whole garment unravel because it was not sewn together properly. Again, the defense will have to rule out the evidence that some persist in dragging into court of men and women whose preoccupation with the needle and thread has blinded them to the cut of the entire coat. It will be supremely necessary, that is, if we wish to avoid throwing cold water upon the enthusiasm of the newly interested, not to allow the error to creep in that piety consists of scrupulous ritualism even if it be combined with unscrupulous civic conduct.

The opportunity to enrich the synagogue and its teachings by the addition of alert minds has perhaps never been so promising in the twentieth century as it appears today, but great opportunities call for great undertakings. No project can exceed in urgency that which demands a modern presentation of total Judaism. Thus far, we have been assailed by innovators whose zeal for the modern has clouded their conception of total Judaism, and by an old guard whose devotion to total Judaism has been accompanied by a thoroughgoing suspicion of anything that enters Jewish life through a modern presentation. Spurred on by the gains to be won, rather than discouraged by the stupendous complications of the task, surely some Jewish leaders will pioneer a highway by which the coming generation may walk joyfully and steadfastly towards a life of fulfillment in the precepts of the Lord.

Shabbos and Yomtov Candles

April	16,	7.31 P.M.	
"	19,	7.35 "	
"	20,	8.10 "	(or after)
"	23,	7.40 "	
"	25,	7.43 "	
"	26,	8.18 "	(of artef)
"	30,	7.49 "	
May	7,	7.58 "	
"	14,	8.07 "	
"	21	8.14 "	

O. H. S. S. DATES

The Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School will be closed on April 25th and May 2nd. Classes will be resumed on May 9th. The closing program will take place on Lag B'Omer, May 23rd.

ORATORICAL CUP AT STAKE

A cup donated by Mr. Robert Edelstein to the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club will be at stake in the Oratorical Contest that will highlight the Father and Son session at the Congregation Agudath Achim, Rideau St., on Sunday morning, May 2nd. Director Hy. Bessin reports a healthy sense of competition among the members who will try to capture the award at that meeting, which is to conclude the activities for the year. Crests will be awarded to those who have distinguished themselves.

THE DAYS ARE LONGER

In the longer days of the year more men ought to manage to be present in the synagogue at the daily Minchah and Maariv services.

Palestine Soldier's Land Fund

At a meeting held in the Talmud Torah on April 6, under the chairmanship of Mr. L. S. Greenberg, the Jewish National Fund Council of Ottawa launched its major project of the year, a share in the world-wide program to buy land in Palestine upon which to establish Jewish service men after the war. An inspiring address was delivered by Rev. J. K. Goldbloom, the national director of the J. N. F. in Canada, whose dramatic portrayal of what this work is accomplishing brought a warm response from the representatives of all the Zionist groups in the city, as well as from many individuals. Contributions to the cause are now being accepted at every Zionist gathering, or may be sent directly to Mr. L. S. Greenberg, Miss Eva Cornblat, or Mrs. N. Slone.

Right or Wrong?

1. Do you sell Chometz to the Rabbi? No. You authorize him as your agent to sell your Chometz to one who may possess it on Pesach, since Jews are not permitted to own Chometz during the holiday.

2. Is anything done to the cows that furnish the milk for Passover? Yes. Their diet is changed so that it contains no Chometz.

3. If a Jew bakes bread on Passover, is it forbidden food even after Passover ends? Yes.

WEDDING DURING SEFIRAH

Weddings may not be held beginning Monday, April 19, until Sunday, June 6, with the exception of the following dates May 4 (after sunset), May 5 and May 6. Saturday night, May 22; Sunday, May 23, June 3 (after sunset) June 4.

CHILDREN GIVE GENEROUSLY

The children of the Ottawa Talmud Torah are very proud of their record in connection with the National campaign launched by the Hadassah Organization to help Youth Aliyah. As a form of Shalach Manoth last Purim, the Talmud Torah boys and girls made contributions from their own spending money towards this cause, and they brought in a total of $46.90.

MARRIED MEN IN UNIFORM

Married men on active service are advised to consult an orthodox rabbi, whenever they preparing to go overseas. The matter if of the utmost importance.

ABOUT PASSOVER FOODS

Fresh fruits and vegetables are permissible during Passover, with the exception of those that are legumes (peas, beans and their kind). As a general rule, do not buy anything in a package, jar, or tin, unless certified by a Hechsher as kosher for Pesach. The rabbinical board of Montreal has notified the Jewish public that it has not supervised any baked goods this year. No soft drinks have been bottled under Passover supervision in Ottawa this year. The Jewish bakers will not have any bread for sale until Wednesday morning, April 28.

LOVERS OF HEBREW.

The Chug Ivri (Hebrew Circle) meets at the Talmud Torah two evenings a month. If you are interested, Mr. B. Clodman will be glad to hear from you.

Passover Hospitality

The Jewish people of our community have always been hospitable, and they are especially desirous of welcoming to their Passover Seder men and women on active service, refugees, and men and women working here away from home. A telephone call to Miss Abelson, 4-3264, will bring you an invitation, but please give her at least a few days' notice.

Homes that would like to have guests for the holiday will kindly call Miss Abelson.

SERVICE MEN, NOTICE!

You will find the synagogues of Ottawa cordial in their reception to those on active service. Visit a synagogue during Passover.

MIZRACHI WOMEN'S COUNCIL DINNER.

The recently formed Mizrachi Women's Council of Ottawa, consisting of representatives from each of the three local chapters, announces through its president, Mrs. A. Brunberg, that a dinner will be held in the Talmud Torah Hall on Tuesday evening, May 4, Rosh Chodesh Iyar. Plans are proceeding to bring an outstanding Mizrachi women's leader to address the guests, and a dramatization, "A Broadcast from Palestine", will be presented.

The proceeds from this dinner will be forwarded to Eretz Yisroel for Mizrachi refugee childrens' work.

Co-conveners with Mrs. Brunberg are Mesdames I. L. Aaron, B. Goldfield and M. Shenkman.

Other officers of the Council are Mrs. F. Saslove, vice-president; Mrs. A. La Porter, secretary, Mrs. M. Drazin, treasurer.

YOUR RABBI SAID

A great saint once observed, "A Jewish heart is not whole, unless it l broken"..... The manner of doing good is no less important than the doing itself.... The distinctive Jewish calender gives us a valuable instrument of cultural survival; thus it was brought by Moses not only to Israel, but for Israel..... The Biblical test of whether a war is fought for righteousness can be seen in the Book of Esther, where we read of the victorious Jews, "but on the spoil they did not set their hand"; they refrained from plundering the conquered.....Without Torah, Eretz Yisroel itself can be built into a Galuth.

Public Quiz Big Talmud Torah Event

On Sunday, April 25, at 2.30 P.M., in the auditorium of the Talmud Torah, the pupils will give public evidence of what they have accomplished in their classes. A novel and interesting method has been developed by the teachers of the staff in co-operation with the Rabbi, in which questions will be fired at the boys and girls from the platform covering every subject and every field of study.

The Board of the Ottawa Talmud Torah is confident that the excellent work carried on during this year will manifest itself in both the accuracy and the enthusiasm of the answers. The parents of the children in particular, and the Jewish public in general are cordially invited to come and see how the Talmud Torah is educating the generation of tomorrow.

Because the date occurs Erev Yom Tov the program is expected to begin promptly at 2.30 and to last no later than 4 o'clock.

VAAD HA'IR WAR SERVICES

Having completed a successful campaign under the chairmanship of Mr. Harold Coplan, the Vaad Ha'Ir War Services Committee has distributed the allocated sums to the organizations doing war work. The synagogues of Ottawa are proud of their record in the field of war efforts, for they raise the funds for this purpose. The boy who receives a Bnai Brith parcel overseas, the woman who sews in the Hadassah Sewing Room, the service man entertained at Holiday Inn—all these may well be grateful to our congregations.

RABBI ON U. P. A. TOUR

Rabbi Fasman will tour Eastern Canada and the Maritimes in the interests of the United Palestine Appeal during the latter half of may.

Talmud Torah Honor Roll

Mechinah

Shinder, Ethel, Klug, Freda, Rabin, Eli.

Class Aleph

Soloway, Zelda, Ballon, Sarah, Silver, Joseph.

Class Beth

Fasman, Avis, Zelikovitz, Sheila Saslove, Norman.

Class Gimel

Ballon, Fred, Betcherman, Esther Steinberg, Sarah.

Class Daleth.

Fasman, Haym, Ballon, Haym, Tanenbaum, Abe.

Class Hai

Zelikovitz, Haym, Greenberg, Boruch, Rabin, Lionel.

Class Vov.

Goldmaker, Shlomo, Halpern, Miriam, Kravetz, Dov.

Branch Aleph

Glustein, Sarah, Flesher, Jacob, Cherm, Daniel.

Branch Beth.

Shostock, Bernard, Schreiber, Molly, Lesh, Norman.

Yiddish Class

Gold, Shirley, Beilis Eileen, Klein, Ann.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Vaad Ha'Ir has set the dates for the next two important campaigns in Ottawa, May 23, or about then, for the U. P. A., and June 20 for the J. D. C.

Notes On The Hagadah

Include in the reasons for the Karpas (green vegetable dipped in salt water) the following: (1) It arouses the curiosity of the child and stimulates him to ask the Four Questions. (2) It is a sign of freedom, because slaves are not permitted to indulge in an appetizer.

Why do we not open the door when we recite at the beginning, "whoever is hungry may enter and eat?" Because before the holiday we have made provision for the poor through the Maoth Chitin funds, and we can therefore sit at our table with a clear conscience, knowing that nobody is hungry near our door.

When we open the door for Elijah to enter, we indicate at the same time that our religion has nothing to hide, in answer to the libels circulated by the malicious about our secret rites. We also declare our faith in the protection of the Almighty rather than of man-built walls.

The custom of eating eggs in salt water is explained by the fact that Tisha B'Ab, when we grieve over the destruction of the holy Temple, always occurs the same day of the week as the first day of Pesach. (Thus, this year Tisha B'Ab will be on a Tuesday.) The egg is a traditional sign of mourning, because, having no indentation in its surface, it is described by the rabbis as "having no mouth", and the mourner should accept in silence the decree of Heaven.

The roast egg on the Seder plate represents the regular festival offering, Hagigah, besides the Passover lamb; symbolized by the roast bone. A special sacrifice does not excuse one from his regular obligations.

TO AVOID CONFUSION.

At the last meeting of the Vaad Ha'Ir a committee was appointed under the chairmanship of Mr. I. Stone (members: Mesdames B. M. Alexander, R. Bessin, H. Shinder, and Mr. B. Weiss) to organize the entire system of small fund-raising functions and to arrange a calendar of meetings that will eliminate confusion.

Every organization in the city is being asked to submit in writing to the committee a calendar of its affairs, as well as a brief financial report subsequent to a fund-raising occasion. It is believed that the organizations will benefit greatly through these arrangements.

WAR EMERGENCY NOTICE

The Vaad Ha'Ir has Matzoth to sell to those who were unable to purchase any at the regular stores. Call at the Talmud Torah next Friday or Sunday.

Passover Milk.

Labor shortage prevents local dairies from Passover production, so that Vaad Hakashruth cannot supervise farms. For invalids, buy regular milk and keep dishes separate.